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Amane
Ohguro



MAN, LAST NIGHT FEELS LIKE IT WAS ALL A DREAM...



...NO, I GOTTA FOCUS ON OPENING THIS JOINT TODAY.





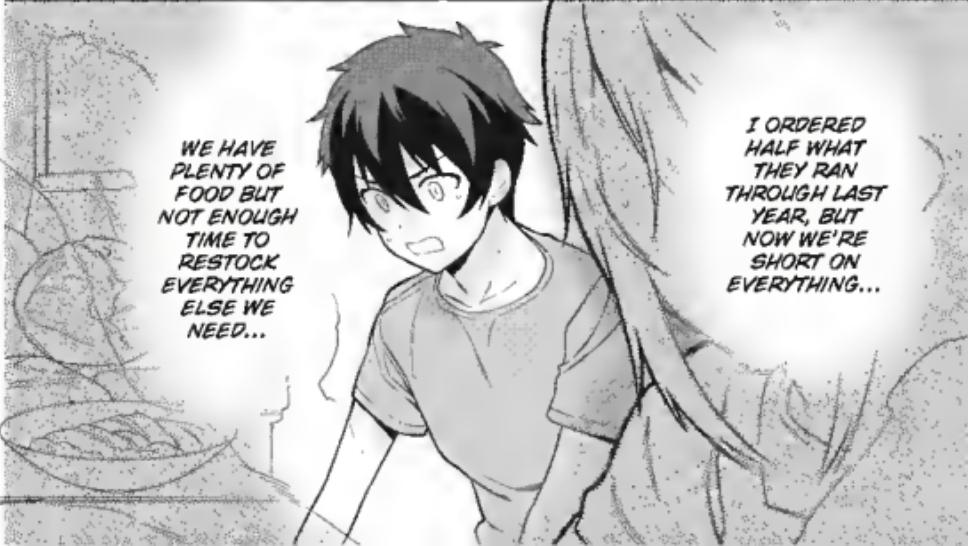






MACHINE: SHAVED ICE









YOU
GUYS....!

GO LOOK FOR
SOME MORE
ORDER SLIPS,
MAOU-SAN!





SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAITING,
GUYS!

PASS 'EM
AROUND AND
TELL 'EM IT'S
A FREEBIE
FOR LUNCH!

EMI!! YOU
CAN USE
ALL OF
THESE
CANS.

DOKU
(KA-THUMB)

WE'VE
GOT A
FREE LUNCH
BONUS
FOR ALL OF
YOU!

YOU
COULD
ALMOST
CALL HER
CUTE
RIGHT
NOW...

TOO BAD
SHE
DOESN'T
SMILE LIKE
THAT AT
US.



HERE
YOU
GO!

THREE BEERS,
TWO SODAS,
AND ONE
ORANGE
JUICE!













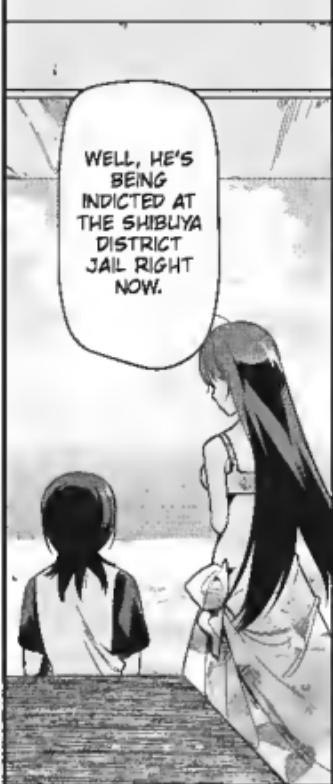
I TOLD YOU, SHE'S NOT MY WIFE...



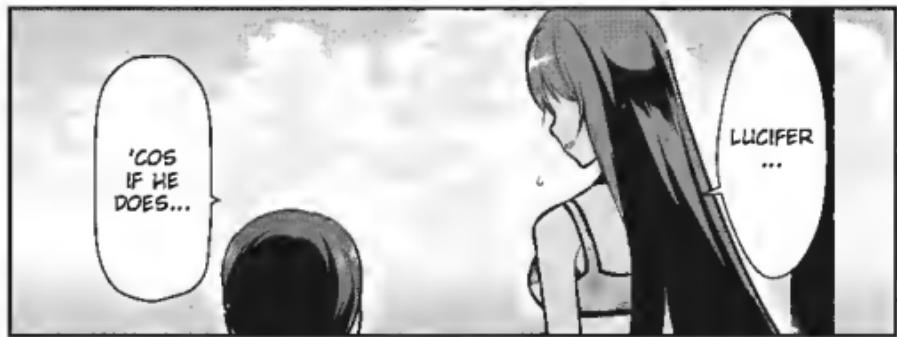














HE'S WELL-KNOWN FOR BEING A PERSISTENT BASTARD LIKE THAT.

I REALLY DOUBT GABRIEL'S JUST GONNA LICK HIS WOUNDS FOREVER.

THE HOLY SWORD AND STUFF IS YOUR PROBLEM ANYWAY, RIGHT?



...UH, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?



WHAT ABOUT LAST NIGHT?



IT'S NOT LIKE WE KNOW IF LAST NIGHT WAS UNRELATED EITHER...



WHEN ALL THAT FOG CAME IN, DID YOU SERIOUSLY NOT NOTICE ANYTHING?

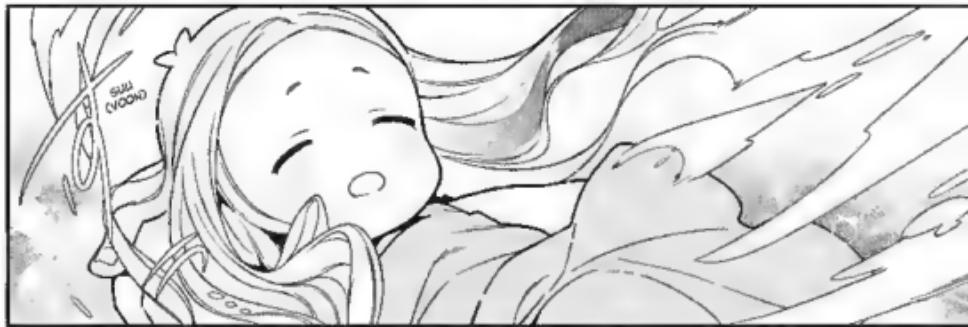


I WAS JUST CHATTING WITH CHI-CHAN...

HEY, EMI! GOT A SEC?

NOTICE WHAT?





GOOD MORNING, ALAS RAMUS. IS YOUR DIAPEY OKAY?









I BROUGHT
HIM TO MY
SIDE IN ORDER
TO LEARN HOW
HE SURVIVED.

BACK WHEN
VIOLENCE RULED
THE DEMON
REALMS, HE BUILT
UP A TRIBE USING
HIS INTELLIGENCE
AND MILITARY
INSTINCTS.

IF IT WASN'T
FOR HIM,
I NEVER
WOULD'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO FORM A
DEMOM FORCE
LIKE I HAD.



SO YOU'RE
SAYING
CAMIO AND
TWO MORE
DEMOMS...

...WERE
HERE, ON
KIMIGAHAMA
BEACH
LAST
NIGHT?



...CAMIO
SERVED AS MY
REPRESENTATIVE,
WORKING TO KEEP
THE REST OF THE
DEMOM REALM
TOGETHER.

WHEN I
DECIDED TO
THROW THE
BRUNT OF
MY FORCE
INTO ENTE
ISLA...





























Camio

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HE, PEEP, CALLED HIMSELF OLBA MEIYER.

THE HUMAN DISAPPEARED WITH THE "REVENGE" FACTION IN TOW.

CAMIO-DONO, WHO WAS LEADING THE "REVENGE" FACTION THAT FOLLOWED OLBA?

SO MUCH FOR TAKING PITY ON HIM...

WH- WHAT THE HELL'S HE THINKING?
WHAT'S HE EVEN DOING!? AND, DUDE, LIKE, WHENI?

I CAME HERE IN ORDER TO STOP THEM...

...BUT YOU SEE THE RESULTS OF THAT.

GENERAL OF THE SOUTHERN ISLAND, PEEP.

IT WAS BARBAR-ICCIA, AIDE TO MALARCODA...



...AND IN JAPAN, NO LESS!

...RIGHT HERE ON EARTH...

I'M SAYING THAT A LARGE "REVENGE" SQUADRON IS SEEKING THE BETTER HALF...

H U H !?

W H A T !?

Hi
BA
SENATOO

E E P !

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT FIRST!?



WE MAY
HAVE
PEEP...
PARTED
COMPANY
...

...BUT
BARBARICCA-
DONO WAS
A COMRADE
IN OUR
STRUGGLE
TO UNIFY
THE DEMON
REALMS.



...BASED
ON ITS
SIZE
AND OUR
INFORMA-
TION.



...AND I
CANNOT SIT
AND WATCH
HIS FORCES
DIE A FOOL'S
DEATH.

I DO NOT
HAVE THE
HEART
TO WAGE
HOSTILITIES
AGAINST
HIM...



...BUT IF
OLBA'S
REALLY
INVOLVED
HERE,
I CAN'T
IGNORE
THAT.

I REALLY
DON'T CARE
ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO YOU
GUYS...









...I TRUST
IN ALL OF
YOU GUYS
TOO!

AT LEAST
TO THE POINT
WHERE I
KNOW YOU
WON'T TELL
A LIE THAT
HURTS
CHIHO-CHAN
OR ALAS
RAMUS...



I WANT YOU
TO STEP UP
AND TAKE
RESPONSI-
BILITY
FOR THIS
WITH ME!

SO...

...SO
ARE
YOU ON
BOARD
OR
NOT!?

IF YOU ARE,
FORGET WHAT
I JUST SAID!
YOU PILES OF
SPACE JUNK!

I SAID,
FORGET
ABOUT
IT!!

KIM (CONT'D)

BUT
THANKS
FOR
THAT.

UH, I
REALLY
DON'T FEEL
LIKE YOU
TRUST ME
AT ALL...

WHW

...QUITE A
PEEP...AN
ENIGMATIC
RELATIONSHIP.
THIS.

IF WE'RE
REALLY GOING
FACE-TO-FACE
WITH A DEMON
SQUADRON, I
DON'T LIKE MY
CHANCES.

YOU SAID
IT. BUT
WHAT'LL
WE DO
NOW?

HEY, UH,
HEY; ALAS
RAMUS
WORK
HARD TOO;
OKAY?

THE
JEWELED
SWORD I
BROUGHT
ALONG
WITH ME...

YES,
WELL,
PEEP, I
HAVE A
PLAN.

...URUSHI-
HARA?





HEAVENLY
FLEET FEET!

GIN
GLOWING

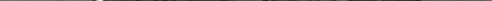
SHIMMERY
WINGS

DON
COMING

ZAAA
COMING











IT'S THE
JOB OF A
KING TO
BRING HIS
SUBJECTS
BACK IN
LINE.

I DON'T
WANT
TO BE A
BOther
TO THIS
WORLD.



SO, GO AND
SHOW ME
WHAT YOU'RE
MADE OF
ALREADY!



I KNOW
WE'VE ONLY
KNOWN
EACH OTHER
TWO DAYS,
BUT I THINK
I KNOW
WHAT TYPE
OF GUY YOU
ARE.

GO ON.
TAKE
THE
SWORD
OUT!

AFTER
ALL...

...YOU'RE
THE DEVIL
KING OF A
FARAWAY
WORLD,
AREN'T
YOU!?



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DAD
IS
A
PART-
TIMER



CHAPTER 45:
THE DEVIL THROWS HIS WEIGHT AROUND A LITTLE

DON'T
TOUCH ME
THERE!

WHO!

WISH
OF WISH

DODG
CRUMBLE

KA
FLASH

SHOCK-
WAVE OF
LIGHT!!

HEAAHH!

GAH-
AAH.







YOU ARE
THE HERO,
EMILIA
JUSTINA!!



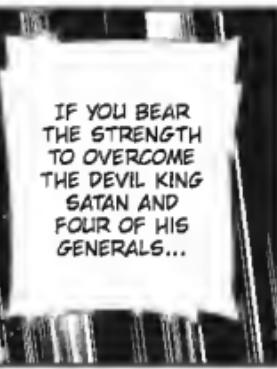
KRAH-HA-
HA-HA!
I NEVER
EXPECTED
TO FIND
YOU SO
QUICKLY.

SO YOU
BEAR THE
SWORD...



...THEN
I MUST
DEVOTE MY
ENTIRE SOUL
TO THIS
BATTLE!

IF YOU BEAR
THE STRENGTH
TO OVERCOME
THE DEVIL KING
SATAN AND
FOUR OF HIS
GENERALS...



...NO
POINT
HIDING
IT.



AND WHEN I
DEFEAT YOU,
THE HOLY
SWORD SHALL
BE MINE!



RELEASE
YOURSELF,
MY FORCE,
AND RID
THE WORLD
OF EVIL!!







GNNH!

YOU'RE
ONE WEAPON
DOWN...
STILL WANNA
KEEP GOING?





BUOOOOOOOOOOON
(BUOOOOON)

!?



BUOOON

I
REMEMBER
THAT
NAME.

"CIRIAT-
TO,"
EH?

BUOOON

ONE OF
THE MALE-
BRANCHE
CHIEFTAINS
BENEATH
MALACODA,
I TRUST.

BUT
WHAT
IS THE
MEAN-
ING OF
THIS?

I HAVE
HEARD
NOTHING
OF THIS
SO-CALLED
NEW DEVIL
KING'S
ARMY.

WHO...
ARE...
!?

WHO
DARES
TO CALL
HIMSELF
"DEVIL
KING" AND
REBUILD
THE ROYAL
FORCE
WITHOUT
ME?

THIS IS
WHAT'S
BEST
FOR HIM.
CLOSE HIS
MOUTH...

COLAOU

!?



CRUSH THE
THROAT
OF THE
INSOLENT
MALE-
BRANCHE.





MALE-BRANCHE
WARRIOR,
FALL BACK!

ZAWA
CHURUMURO

ARE YOU...
LORD ALCIEL,
COMMANDER
OF THE
EASTERN
ARMIES...?



DO NOT BE
DECEIVED BY
THE SWEET
TEMPTATIONS
OF HUMAN-
KIND!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE...?

AND
YOU...
DEVIL
REGENT
CAMIO
...



ZAWA
AH...
NO...
NO...!?

M-
MASTER
...?





WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
IN MY
ABSENCE?

I DO NOT
RECALL
PERMITTING
ANYONE
BESIDES
CAMIO TO
LEAD MY
PEOPLE.



CIRIAT-
TO.

Y-YES!



LET ME
HEAR WHAT
YOU HAVE
TO SAY.

RAISE
YOUR
HEAD.

THAT...
I....!



WE SEEK
THE HOLY
SWORD
BEFORE
THOSE WHO
THREATEN
OUR
HOMELAND
FIND IT!

...FOR
THE SAKE
OF PEACE
IN OUR
REALM!

MY
LORD,
WE
FIGHT...







WAS THAT
FROM SOME-
ONE ON
THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
CRYSTAL?

THAT
PURPLE
LIGHT
EARLIER...







TELL MY
PEOPLE
THAT
SATAN IS IN
ANOTHER
WORLD...

...AMASSING
HIS
POWERS TO
BRING BACK
PEACE.

USE THAT
TO QUELL
THEIR
CONCERN.

TELL THEM
THAT ONE
OF THE HOLY
SWORDS IS
ALREADY IN
MY GRASP!

UNTIL I
RETURN, YOU
MUST LEAD
MY PEOPLE
AND UNITE
MY REALM!

CIRIATTO,
I HEREBY
APPOINT
YOU
CAMIO'S
ASSISTANT.





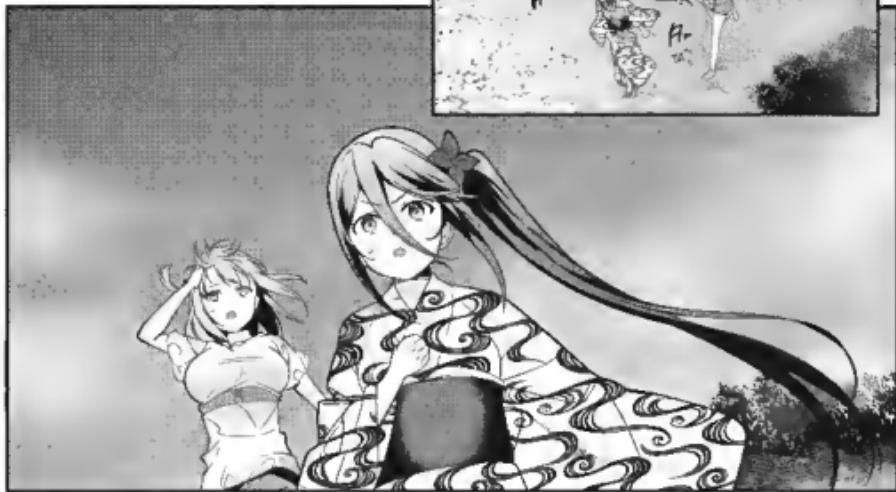












THE
SEA...
IT'S
CALMED
DOWN.

ZAAN
(PSSSHHOO)



THE
DAD
IS
A
PART-
TIMER









YEAH.
THE DEVIL
KING'S
SWORD
TOO. THEN
THE FOG
LIFTED.

CAMIO-SAN
WENT BACK
TO THE
DEMON
REALM?

THEN IT
WAS ALL
LIGHT, THEN
TWEETY-
TWEET
WENT
HOME!

RIGHT
WHEN IT
DID, THEY
ALL TURNED
HUMAN AGAIN.

I WISH I
COULD'VE
RECORDED
THEIR
SCREAMING
WHEN THEY
ALL FELL IN
THE WATER.

HUH?

LIKE, TWO
HUNDRED
METERS
ABOVE SEA
LEVEL!

DON'T
THEY EVER
PLAN ANY-
THING?

...THEY
REALLY,
REALLY
OWE ME
NOW.







WHAT A
GREAT
MORNING,
HUH? THE
PERFECT WAY
TO END A
BATTLE!







WELL, I
DUNNO. I
JUST...



I DON'T
WANT
TO KEEP
EXTENDING
THIS FIGHT
FOREVER.

IT'S EASY
TO KILL,
BUT MAKING
SOMEONE
HATE YOU
FOR IT...?
NO.



OH
BROTH-
ER!

DAAAHH..

ALL THIS
TALK OF
KILLING, SO
EARLY IN THE
MORNING!



THAT'S
WHY I
DIDN'T
KILL
THEM.

I WANT
TO WIN. I
WANT TO
OVERWHELM
THEM WITH
MY POWER.



SO,
UH...



THE CHILDREN OF THE TREE OF LIFE BELONG TO THE LAND OF SEPHIROT.





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

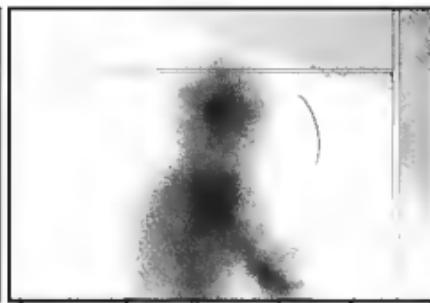
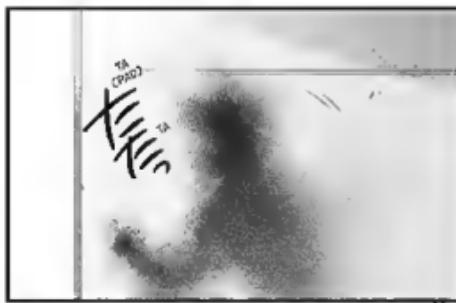
CAN'T SAY ANY MORE OUT OF MY MOUTH.













...IT THREW OFF THE ALL-BUT-PERFECT BALANCE WE HAD GOING HERE.

YESTERDAY, WHEN YOU SHOT ALL THAT ENERGY OVER KINGDOM COME...

YOUR DEMONIC AND HOLY FORCES...

...CAN ONLY EXIST IN A WORLD ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE.

...I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HAVE YOU HERE ANY LONGER.

SO THAT'S WHY...

THEY HAVE THE CHANCE TO TAKE ON HUMAN FORM HERE, BUT NOW THEY'VE JUST ABOUT LOST IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE?





CALL
ME THE
BINAH OF
EARTH.

BLOODBINAH

...AND
BRING THE
WORLD
BACK TO
WHAT IT
SHOULD
BE.

SEARCH FOR
THE DA'AT
OF YOUR
WORLD...

I'M SURE
THAT'S
WHAT
MY AUNT
MIKITTY'S
WAITING
FOR.

ZAMA
CHWSS04



SIGN: NO SWIMMING ALLOWED IN THIS AREA, WARNING



WHERE
THE
HELL
ARE
WE!?



ENVELOPE: BONUS







MAP: TOP RECOMMENDATIONS, GOSHISI TOURIST MAP



SIGN: WELCOME TO THE OBSERVATORY THAT MAKES THE EARTH LOOK ROUND!











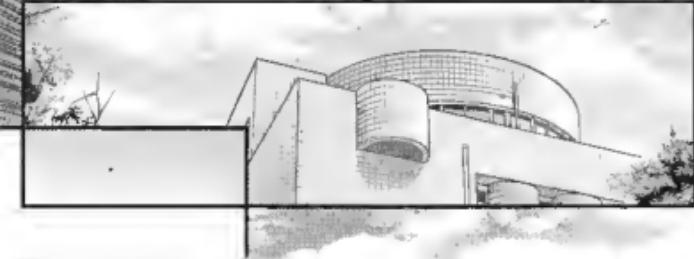


I'M
ALREADY
CAPABLE
OF BEATING
ARCH-
ANGELS!

YOU
REALIZE
YOU'RE
NOT
KIDDING,
RIGHT?









SIGN: CHOSHAN STATION



I LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING OUR
REFURBISHED
DEVIL'S
CASTLE, MY
LIEGE.



THERE'S
A LOT TO
MEMORIZE
BEFORE THE
MAGCAFÉ
OPENING.



IT'S
KIND OF
LIKE...

...
REALITY'S
SETTING
IN ALL AT
ONCE.

THE
DAD
IS
A
PART-
TIMER

CHAPTER X. THE CLERIC BECOMES A SAMURAI-DRAMA RONIN

火盜

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火盜

LANTERNS: KATOU EDO-ERA POLICE FORCE

WHAT
!?

OUR
GATE'S
SUR-
ROUNDED!

BOSS!
BAD
NEWS!

GIVE
YOUR-
SELVES
UP AT
ONCE!

I AM
HEIZOU
HASEGAWA,
CAPTAIN OF
THE INVESTI-
GATION
DIVISION
FOR ARSON
AND
ROBBERY!

STAY
WHERE
YOU
ARE!

DAMN
IT....!

STRIKE
DOWN ALL
RESIS-
TANCE!



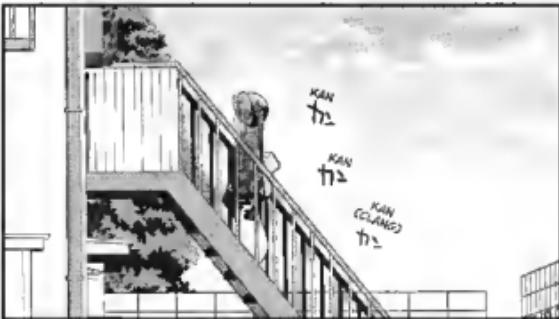














DUN-DUN-DUNNNNN

YES,
MY
LIEGE.

RIGHT...IT'S
JUST BIG
ENOUGH FOR
ONE PERSON TO
GET THROUGH.

YEP. THANKS
FOR TAKING
CARE OF
THE DEMON
REALMS.

IT PAINS
ME TO LEAVE
YOUR SIDE,
LORD SATAN,
BUT LEAVE, I
MUST.

SUICIDE
COMMAND
7

OH.

BLESSINGS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

MAOU-SAN!!

WHY...?

I'LL DEFEAT
YOU AND
TAKE OVER
THIS ENTIRE
PLANET.

DON'T FORGET
ABOUT THE
MONEY FOR ALAS
RAMUS'S FOOD,
HER MEDICAL
BILLS, AND
HER WEDDING
CEREMONY!

THINK FOR
A MINUTE!
ARE YOU
SURE YOU
SHOULD
START SO
BIG!?

WHAT'RE
YOU CRYING
ABOUT?

ALAS
RAMUS...
MARRYING?

JINSA
CHIFFLES

KINDA
WISH IT
WAS ON
MY OWN
TERMS,
THOUGH.

WELL,
WE GOT
SOME TIME
IN THE
WATER...



CHOSHI HOT
SPRINGS
(ARTIST'S RENDITION)



HERE WE ARE AT VOLUME 9!

I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW THIS FAR INTO THE STORY ENTIRELY THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF WAGAHARA-SENSEI, O29-SENSEI, ALL THE OTHER STAFF INVOLVED, AND OF COURSE, ALL OF MY READERS. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD TO RELY ON THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS' VISUAL DESIGNS, BUT THIS PART OF THE STORY'S SUCH A FAVORITE OF MINE THAT I FOUND MYSELF DEALING WITH BOTH ARTIST'S BLOCK AND MY OWN WORRIES A LOT. LOOKING BACK, THERE ARE TONS OF THINGS I WOULD'VE TACKLED DIFFERENTLY, BUT IT'S ALSO GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO TAKE WHAT I'VE LEARNED AND USE IT TO CREATE AN EVEN BETTER MANGA VERSION IN THE FUTURE.

AND TO THINK, WE'RE GOING INTO DOUBLE DIGITS STARTING WITH THE NEXT VOLUME! I GET BUTTERFLIES IN MY STOMACH JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. I HOPE I'LL CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR SUPPORT GOING FORWARD!

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SHIBA / TAKASHI YAMANO / AND YOU!

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AKIO
HIRAGI

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